WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Crop diversification project of Maharashtra

2401. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for crop diversification project for the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. Government of Maharashtra has not submitted proposal on Crop Diversification to Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Modified Crop Insurance Project of Maharashtra

2402. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has submitted modified crop insurance scheme for the State and requested for its accord;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the necessary sanction will be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Maharashtra submitted a proposal for an effective coverage of farmers in rainfed areas under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS). The proposed scheme provides for coverage of rainfed crops with 90% indemnity level and 100% premium subsidy to small and marginal farmers.

The proposal was considered by the Joint Group constituted by the Government to study the improvements required in the existing Crop Insurance Schemes. As the proposed scheme was confined to the State of Maharashtra only, therefore, it was not felt appropriate to consider for